1	2	3	4	5	6	7
48.	Urban Employment & Poverty Alleviation	650.00		650.00	83.00	12.77
49.	Water Resources	435.00		435.00	43.50	10.00
50.	Youth Affairs & Sports	375.00		375.00	37.50	10.00

* The 10% provision is exclusive of EAP component.

** The Ministry is required to earmark 2% of the budget of its Scheduled Caste Division for NER. The 10% norm is applicable to other programmes of the Ministry.

(c) It would be observed from the above that in the cases of Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, Department of Mines, Department of Posts and Department of Telecommunications there is under provisioning/non-provisioning of 10 per cent of their Plan Budget for NER in RE 2004-05. The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways have made provision for NER by excluding cess component for NHDP in addition to EAP component. In respect of Department of Mines, loss making PSUs and others who have no activities in NER and Sikkim were exempted from earmarking 10% by the Planning Commission. In respect of Department of Post, less than 10% provision of total Plan Outlay for NER has been made because computerization is the focus of the Plan programme and the major Post Offices and administrative offices in the NER have already been covered in the previous years. In respect of Department of Telecommunications, the NE component of Rs.500 crore is reflected in the Plan Outlay of BSNL. The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment has not fully provided 2% of the provision of Rs.864.30 crore for its SC Division in the lumpsum provision for NER on the plea that SC community does not exist in NER. However, they have fully provided 10% of the remaining provision of Rs.485.70 crore meant for the other programmes as decided by Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region.

Harassment of export units by the Income Tax Department

*455. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether many small and medium export units are on the verge of closure due to harassment by Income Tax Authorities on account of tax

on DEPB and in case of negative profits under Section 80 HHC of the IT Act; and

(b) if so, whether Government would take corrective measures to address the grievances of the exporting community especially on the application of Section 80 HHC?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No, Sir. From a number of representations received from exporters it appears that they are concerned about re-computation of the export incentives availed of by them under the Income-tax Act. The issues concern interpretation of certain provisions of the Income Tax Act.

(b) The matter has been referred to the Prime Minister's Economic Advisory Council. Any further action will be taken on receipt of the report of the Council.

Change in timings of Hyderabad-Delhi IA flights

*456. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Airlines has changed the timings of the Hyderabad - Delhi - Hyderabad flights every three months;

(b) if so, the causes for changing the flight timings every three months on the Hyderabad -Delhi sector;

(c) whether it is also a fact that there is a good commercial return from flights on this sector;

(d) if so, what steps will be taken to try and have such flights on a more convenient timing schedule;

(e) the specific difficulties which Indian Airlines faces in scheduling the Hyderabad - Delhi flight at a very early hour; and

(f) the steps proposed to review the present timings on this sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) No, Sir,

(b) Does not arise.